VII. Unincorporated Areas and Profiles

This chapter provides information on unincorporated areas of King County, that is, areas outside of any city. Unincorporated areas cover 82 percent of King County's land area, but now contain less than 20 percent of King County's population and development activity. This year's Annual Growth Report features a new breakdown of unincorporated communities called "potential annexation areas" (PAAs). Under the Growth Management Act, urban services should be provided by cities, so it is expected that the entire Urban-designated area of King County will be annexed into existing cities within the next ten years. In this chapter are one-page profiles of ten large PAAs which comprise most of the remaining unincorporated Urban Growth Area. There is also a profile of Rural- and Resource- designated areas, which cannot annex into a city. Each profile, similar to the City Profiles in the previous chapter, contains a snapshot of demographic, economic, and development activity in the area. The ten major PAAs, annexing city and their year-2000 population are as follows:

Potential Annexation Area	Annexing City	2000 Population
East Federal Way	Federal Way	20,300
East Renton	Renton	7,400
Eastgate	Bellevue	4,600
Fairwood	Renton	39,400
Kent Northeast	Kent	23,600
Kirkland	Kirkland	31,700
Klahanie	Issaquah	11,000
Lea Hill	Auburn	8,200
North Highline	none	32,400
West Hill	none	14,000

In addition to the ten designated major PAAs, there are smaller scattered Urban unincorporated neighborhoods totaling about 22,000 people, some of which are also identified as PAAs. Outside the Urban Growth Area, there are Ruraldesignated areas with about 136,000 people. A map showing the ten major PAAs and other unincorporated areas is at the back of the book.

Community Planning Areas - A Retrospective

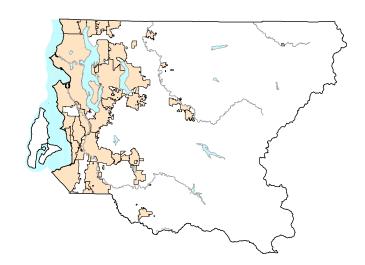
Two tables in this chapter present data by "community planning area." Community planning areas were delineated in the 1970s to represent communities or groups of neighborhoods with common land use issues. The planning areas acted as a useful geographic breakdown of King County, especially for unincorporated areas information. Of the 16 areas covering the entire County, 13 were primarily unincorporated. Beginning with the second Annual Growth Report in 1984, community planning areas were the dominant geographic structure to report the demographic, economic, and development activity of the County. As late as 1989, more than 40 % of the King County population resided in unincorporated areas, and more than half the new residential growth was occurring in those areas. An important chapter of each Annual Growth Report, with Area Profiles, reflected this significance.

Now that the unincorporated population is smaller, the unincorporated community planning areas have lost much of their relevance. The new PAA geography is being used instead of community planning areas. For convenience, some information will continue to be presented by planning area, but many of the areas are now mostly incorporated.

The next chapter, Chapter VIII, contains two sets of geographic boundaries that future Annual Growth Reports will use: school districts and King County Council districts.

Unincorporated King County Urban and Rural Areas

Unincorporated King County consists of both rural areas and urban areas outside city limits. Land uses include farms, forests, residential and some commercial uses. In the last decade, unincorporated King County experienced a net decrease of more than 160,000 people, bringing the 2000 total population to 352,000. The decrease was due chiefly to transfer of population into the cities through annexations and incorporations. Since 1990, eight cities have incorporated with a combined total of more than 150,000 people. Most of the unincorporated population, about 215,000 people, live in urban areas of western King County. Many of these urban communities are planned for timely annexation into adjoining cities. Ten of these urban communities are featured in the profiles starting on page 120.



QUICK FACTS

Land Area: 1,125,120 Acres or 1,758 Square Miles

King County Council Districts: parts of 10 Districts

School Districts: 17 Districts Water Districts: 23 Districts Sewer Districts: 11 Districts Fire Districts: 29 Districts

TAX INFO

2003 Assessed Valuation: \$33,159 million Uninc. Area Levy (\$1.745 per 1,000): 57,859,600

2002 Real Estate Sales: \$2,642.4 million Local Option REET Revenue (0.5%): \$13,211,800

2002 Taxable Retail Sales: \$1.610.1 million Local Option Sales Tax Revenue(1.0%): \$16,101,200

DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 Census Population: 352,500

Pop. Per Sq. Mile: 201

36.2 Median Age: Age Structure:

17 and under 98,700 28% 18 - 64225.900 64% 65 and over 27,900 8%

Race Categories:

Non-hispanic White: 279,173 (79%)Black or African Am.: 12,051 (3%)Asian and Pacific Is: 30,809 (9%)Native Am. and other: 4.170 (1%)Hispanic or Latino: 15,420 (4%)Two or more race: 10.841 (3%)

EMPLOYMENT

Number of Business Units: 5.980

Total Jobs: 46.300 Manufacturing: 3.580 Wholesale/Utilities: 3,850 Retail: 7.280 Finance/Services: 12,270 Government/Education: 8,350 AFFM/Construction: 9.070

Source: WA Employment Security Dep't

HOUSING

Total Housing Units: 130,356

Single Family: 104,582 Multifamily: 18.694 Mobile Homes: 7,080

Percent Homeowners: 79% Average Household Size: 2.79 Median House Value: \$240,000 Median 2 Bedroom Rental: \$790

Source: 2000 US Census

INCOME

Median Household Income: \$65,290 Number of Households: 125,942

Households by Income Category:

0 - 80%36.000 (29%)80 - 140%35,000 (28%)140%+ 55.000 (43%)

Source: 2000 US Census

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

2002 New Residential Units: 2.445

Single Family: 1,954 Multifamily: 491

2002 Formal Plats/Lots:

Applications: 713 lots in 16 plats Recordings: 1,040 lots in 30 plats

2002 Land Capacity:

Residential In Acres: 4.125

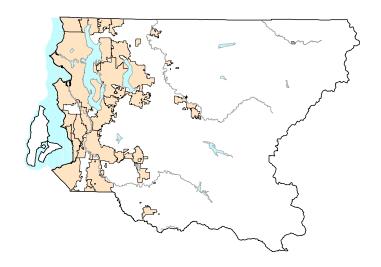
In Units: 24,960

Commercial In Acres: 355 In Jobs: 8.760

*includes 24,900urban; about 17,000 rural.

RURAL Unincorporated King County

Rural unincorporated King County covers central and eastern King County and Vashon Island - areas outside the Urban Growth Boundary. These areas are designated Rural, Agricultural or Forest Resource by the King County Comprehensive Plan. Uses include forest, farmland, woodlands and low-density residential. Urban services such as sewer service are not provided in Rural areas. Rural areas, which cannot be annexed into a city, cover the majority of King County's land area but contain less than one-tenth of the County's population. Rural unincorporated King County has grown very slowly since Growth Management took effect in the mid-1990s: less than five percent of countywide new residential construction and population growth occur in these areas.



QUICK FACTS

Land Area: 1,070,700 Acres or 1,673 Square Miles

King County Council Districts: parts of 4 Districts

School Districts: 11 Districts Water Districts: 13 Districts Sewer Districts: 3 Districts Fire Districts: 16 Districts

TAX INFO

2003 Assessed Valuation: \$15,332.1 million Uninc. Area Levy (\$1.745 per 1,000): \$26,753,000

\$1,106.3 million 2002 Real Estate Sales: Local Option REET Revenue (0.5%): \$5,531,600

2002 Taxable Retail Sales: \$488.3 million Local Option Sales Tax Revenue (1.0%): \$4,883,000

DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 Census Population: 135,000

Pop. Per Sq. Mile: 80 Median Age: 38.2 Age Structure:

17 and under 39.300 29% 18 - 6464% 86.350 65 and over 9.350 7 %

Race Categories:

Non-hispanic White: 122,500 (91 %)Black or African Am.: 800 (0.6%)(2.4%)Asian and Pacific Is: 3.200 Native Am. and other: 1,800 (1.3%) Hispanic or Latino: 3,700 (2.7%) Two or more race: 3,000 (2.2%)

EMPLOYMENT

Number of Business Units: n a

Total Jobs: 18.000 Manufacturing: 3.580 Wholesale/Utilities: 3.850 Retail: 7.280 Finance/Services: 12.270 Government/Education: 8.350 AFFM/Construction: 9,070

Source: WA Employment Security Dep't

HOUSING

Total Housing Units: 49,500 Single Family: 43,900

Multifamily: 1,500 Mobile Homes: 4,100

Percent Homeowners: 88% Average Household Size: 2.89 Median House Value: \$320,000 Median 2 Bedroom Rental: \$750

Source: 2000 US Census

INCOME

Median Household Income: \$73,400 Number of Households: 46,900

Households by Income Category:

0 - 80%10.800 (23%)80 - 140%13.400 (29%)140%+ 22.700 (48%)

Source: 2000 US Census

DEVELOPMENT

2002 New Residential Units: 473

Single Family: 473 Multifamily: 0

2002 Formal Plats/Lots:

Applications: 16 lots in 2 plats Recordings: 146 lots in 5 plats

2002 Land Capacity:

Residential In Acres: n a

In Units: 17,000

Commercial In Acres: n a

In Jobs: n a

Residential Subdivision Activity

Unincorporated King County, 1990 - 2002

Applications for Formal Plats

Recorded Formal Plats

YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres	_	YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres
1990	124	4,017	4,899.99	_	1990	66	2,712	1,703.80
1991	34	1,017	1,294.74		1991	51	2,575	1,571.13
1992	17	758	2,348.53		1992	57	1,579	1,102.60
1993	13	749	314.18		1993	60	1,634	937.01
1994	21	1,386	873.92		1994	48	1,543	797.24
1995	29	2,019	1,603.16		1995	50	1,361	1,017.30
1996	33	1,525	452.82		1996	28	835	461.80
1997	55	2,299	881.57		1997	40	1,717	1,425.75
1998	53	2,774	2,186.54		1998	33	1,108	513.24
1999	29	707	217.70		1999	26	1,244	1,823.12
2000	25	523	179.83		2000	23	1,334	1,296.89
2001	24	807	567.35		2001	39	1,824	3,204.57
2002	16	713	679.58	_	2002	30	1,040	1,380.31
Total	473	19,294	16,499.91	•	Total	551	20,506	17,234.76

1990-2002

Applications for Short Plats

1990-2002

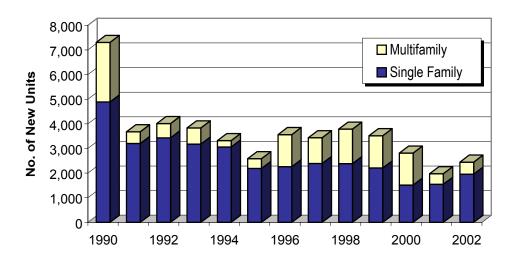
Recorded Short Plats

YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres	_	YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres
1990	424	1,363	4,108.26	•	1990	129	391	848.30
1991	160	422	718.00		1991	138	385	1,102.83
1992	109	292	365.47		1992	124	352	377.14
1993	54	157	296.13		1993	116	332	617.48
1994	110	297	609.21		1994	116	317	225.01
1995	68	202	315.35		1995	125	334	669.66
1996	54	163	390.22		1996	83	234	270.44
1997	53	158	339.00		1997	46	127	151.20
1998	63	178	286.41		1998	74	208	174.22
1999	62	156	398.30		1999	47	134	141.48
2000	58	161	438.85		2000	60	181	384.69
2001	52	152	393.30		2001	23	75	42.56
2002	30	86	220.94		2002	32	82	68.42
Total 1990-2002	1,297	3,787	8,879.44	•	Total 1990-2002	1,113	3,152	5,073.43

Residential Permits and Units Unincorporated King County, 1990 - 2002

	Single	e Family	Mul	tifamily	Tota	al
YEAR	Permits	Units	Permits	Units	Permits	Units
1990	4,890	4,890	44	2,416	4,934	7,306
1991	3,198	3,200	14	479	3,212	3,679
1992	3,432	3,432	24	583	3,456	4,015
1993	3,174	3,174	14	661	3,188	3,835
1994	3,059	3,059	9	261	3,068	3,320
1995	2,191	2,188	15	396	2,206	2,584
1996	2,259	2,259	35	1,303	2,294	3,562
1997	2,391	2,391	19	1,044	2,410	3,435
1998	2,384	2,384	9	1,400	2,393	3,784
1999	2,210	2,210	58	1,306	2,268	3,516
2000	1,511	1,511	29	1,300	1,540	2,811
2001	1,544	1,544	51	431	1,595	1,975
2002	1,954	1,954	25	491	1,979	2,445
Total 1990-2002	34,197	34,196	346	12,071	34,543	46,267

Total New Residential Units



Total New Residential Units Authorized

by Unincorporated King County Areas, 1992 - 2002

TOTAL

Community Planning Area:	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Bear Creek	319	272	349	259	297	289	189	118	674	247	500
East Sammamish	656	389	379	520	673	939	1,318	1,432	676	263	123
Enumclaw	93	85	79	59	68	54	59	50	53	42	51
Federal Way / Southwest	319	212	160	166	351	77	79	139	207	235	420
Highline	203	254	65	47	61	10	164	64	82	94	97
Newcastle	215	148	156	67	199	71	104	214	75	65	32
Northshore	287	299	339	141	193	583	519	503	187	133	214
Shoreline	81	83	87	118	13	3	21	2	1	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	246	221	249	216	201	227	196	169	141	102	113
Soos Creek	923	1,247	691	477	849	817	887	604	515	577	527
Tahoma Raven Heights	535	530	669	443	557	227	134	129	119	91	297
Vashon	127	83	88	63	87	83	103	86	72	120	60
TOTAL:	4 004	3 823	3 311	2 576	3 549	3 380	3 773	3 510	2 811	1 975	2 445

Single Family

Community Planning Area:	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Bear Creek	319	272	349	259	297	289	189	114	287	247	309
East Sammamish	573	338	377	319	437	512	755	835	23	52	82
Enumclaw	93	85	79	59	64	54	59	48	53	42	51
Federal Way / Southwest	273	212	160	106	127	73	79	139	203	163	418
Highline	62	60	65	47	57	10	92	64	76	50	51
Newcastle	175	118	156	67	69	71	104	120	64	65	102
Northshore	213	275	126	120	117	215	226	184	151	133	180
Shoreline	55	58	62	28	3	3	7	2	1	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	246	221	249	216	191	227	196	163	135	102	111
Soos Creek	796	910	670	453	410	572	851	326	327	558	331
Tahoma Raven Heights	525	530	669	443	387	227	134	125	115	91	280
Vashon	91	83	88	63	87	83	103	84	68	48	39
TOTAL:	3.421	3.162	3.050	2.180	2.246	2.336	2.795	2.204	1,511	1.557	1.954

Multifamily

Community Planning Area:	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Bear Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	387	0	181
East Sammamish	83	51	2	201	236	427	563	597	654	211	76
Enumclaw	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Federal Way / Southwest	46	0	0	60	224	4	0	0	4	72	2
Highline	141	194	0	0	4	0	72	0	6	44	46
Newcastle	40	30	0	0	130	0	0	94	11	0	0
Northshore	74	24	213	21	76	368	293	319	36	0	34
Shoreline	26	25	25	90	10	0	14	0	0	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	6	6	0	102
Soos Creek	127	337	21	24	439	245	36	278	188	19	20
Tahoma Raven Heights	10	0	0	0	170	0	0	4	4	0	9
Vashon	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	72	21
TOTAL:	583	661	261	396	1,303	1,044	978	1,306	1,300	418	491

Note: East King County, Eastside and Green River Valley contain very small unincorporated portions that is why they are not being reported.

Source: King County Department of Development and Environmental Services

Transportation Concurrency Approvals

Unincorporated King County by Community Planning Area In Housing Units, 1995 - 2002

URBAN AREA

	<u>19</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>199</u>	99	<u>20</u>	00	<u>20</u>	<u> </u>	<u>20</u>	<u>02</u>
Planning Area	Single Family	Multi- family														
Bear Creek	3,750	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	183	0	1,325	24
East King County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Sammamish	2,629	1,196	1,130	1,728	1,112	902	53	162	48	-	13	30	0	0	28	13
Eastside/Gr.River Valley	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enumclaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Way	208	0	50	0	325	487	242	65	122	350	67	0	368	26	23	5
Highline	87	0	13	11	70	72	47	556	62	82	115	0	35	0	26	212
Newcastle	39	50	27	0	37	4	128	74	140	0	92	9	219	10	306	0
Northshore	186	190	135	1,546	144	502	355	162	111	20	69	-	77	154	18	203
Shoreline	4	33	0	0	0	14	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soos Creek	1,057	1,015	589	513	388	323	295	302	524	204	250	285	875	162	581	239
Tahoma/Raven Heights	245	225	2	0	652	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	8	0	90	320
TOTAL:	8,213	2,909	1,946	3,798	2,731	2,304	1,120	1,342	1,011	656	613	324	1,765	352	2,397	1,016

RURAL AREA

	19	<u>95</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>19</u>	98	<u>199</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>20</u>	00	<u>20</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>02</u>
Planning Area	Single Family	Multi- family														
Bear Creek	125	-	8	-	5	-	-	-	0	-	16.00		14	-	0	-
East King County	0	-	0	-	1	-	-	-	0	-	15.00		0	-	0	-
East Sammamish	3	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	20		-	-	9	-
Eastside/Gr. River Valley	0		0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-		-	-	0	-
Enumclaw	1	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	28.00		7	-	9	-
Newcastle	5	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	3		4	-	8	-
Northshore	4		0	-	0	-	2.00	-	0	-	-		-	-	0	-
Snoqualmie Valley	97	-	26	-	9	-	59.00	-	34	-	17.00		27	-	23	-
Soos Creek	31	-	4	-	18	-	25	-	16	-	8		8	-	153	-
Tahoma/Raven Heights	12	-	13	-	12	-	83.00	-	51	-	7.00		8	-	11	-
Vashon	2	-	10	-	0	-	12.00	-	67	-	25.00		-	-	0	-
TOTAL:	280		73		49		182		178	-	139		68	-	213	-

Notes: Concurrency is the first step in the permit process and concurrency approvals are an indicator of future development.

Units listed by date concurrency applications received.

Source: King County Department of Transportation, Planning Division, June 2003.

Household Growth Targets by Sub-region Unincorporated King County, 2001 - 2022

	Adopted Household Growth Target, 2001 - 2022											
	<u>Unincorp</u>	orated King C	<u>ounty</u>									
Sub-Region	Total	in designated Pot. Anxtn Areas	outside PAAs	Cities' Targets	Sub-region Totals							
East King County	6,801	2,702	4,099 *	40,844	47,645							
South King County	4,935	4,935	0	37,420	42,355							
Sea-Shore (N. Highline)	1,670	0	1,670	54,699	56,369							
Rural Cities ** (expansion area)	0	0	0 **	5,563	5,563							
Urban Area Total	13,406	7,637	5,769	138,526	151,932							
Rural Area	6,000	***		0	6,000							
King County Total	19,406			138,526	157,932							

Notes:

Source: Growth Management Planning Council Motion 02-2, November 2002. This table provides numbers adopted by the Growth Management Planning Council in November 2002. Technical corrections may be made in 2004.

^{*} The 4,099 target outside East County PAAs consists of the Bear Creek UPD/FCC.

^{**} Rural-city target numbers include their unincorporated expansion areas.

^{***} Targets apply to Urban areas only. The Rural area does not have a growth target. Growth in Rural areas is forecast to be 6,000 households or 4% of Countywide total growth.

Residential Land Supply and Capacity Findings from Buildable Lands Report, 2002

Unincorporated Urban King County, by Sub-Regions

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Sub-Region	Net Acres	Net Units	Net Acres	Net Units	Net Acres	Net Units
East King County	461.84	2,128	297.65	1,174	759.49	**6,402
South King County	2,143.80	11,677	1,072.06	5,606	3,215.86	17,283
Sea-Shore						
(including North Highline)	134.65	1,145	14.57	131	149.22	1,276
D 10"						
Rural Cities						
(expansion areas) *	711.00	2,629	341.00	1,537	1,052.00	4,166
Urban Unincorporated King County	2,740.29	14,950	1,384.28	10,011	4,124.57	24,961

For Methodology, please refer to page 61 of this report. Source: King County Buildable Lands Evaluation Report, 2002.

^{*} Capacity in the Rural Cities expansion Areas was measured and tabulated as a component of Rural City capacity. It is reported here for convenience, but not included in the Urban unincorporated totals.

^{**} includes capacity of 3,100 units in the Bear Creek Urban Planned Developments

Population by Community Planning Area

1990 and 2000 by Jurisdiction

	<u>1</u>	990 Census	<u>i</u>		<u>20</u>	000 Census	<u>i</u>
	Cities	Unincorp.	Total	_	Cities	Unincorp.	Total
Bear Creek	2,700	20,900	23,600		3,100	28,200	31,300
East King County	250	700	950		200	800	1,000
East Sammamish	250	31,050	31,300		34,500	15,600	50,100
Eastside	162,500	1,300	163,800	_	182,500	600	183,100
Enumclaw	8,800	12,400	21,200		12,100	13,000	25,100
Federal Way	68,000	30,600	98,600		92,000	28,200	120,200
Green River Valley	68,100	2,500	70,600	_	85,900	200	86,100
Highline	55,100	78,700	133,800		100,800	46,000	146,800
Newcastle	35,150	44,850	80,000		67,200	28,400	95,600
NorthShore	24,500	68,600	93,100	_	57,600	45,200	102,800
Shoreline	4,000	60,700	64,700		66,200	0	66,200
Snoqualmie Valley	8,200	21,200	29,400		12,900	25,600	38,500
Soos Creek	31,450	95,350	126,800		71,000	86,500	157,500
Tahoma-Raven Hts.	8,900	35,100	44,000		34,800	24,400	59,200
Vashon	0	9,300	9,300		0	10,100	10,100
SEATTLE	516,300	0	516,300	_	563,400	0	563,400
King County Total	994,200	513,200	1,507,300	_	1,384,200	352,800	1,737,000

Housing Units by Community Planning Area

Unincorporated King County Only

	<u>1990 Census</u>		<u>2000 Census</u>	
	Households	Housing Units	Households	Housing Units
Bear Creek	6,600	6,800	9,000	9,300
East King County	300	600	300	600
East Sammamish	10,500	10,900	6,000	6,200
Eastside	550	600	220	240
Enumclaw	4,100	4,250	4,750	4,900
Federal Way	10,800	11,200	9,600	9,900
Green River Valley	1,000	1,050	80	90
Highline	32,200	33,600	17,500	18,100
Newcastle	16,000	16,700	10,000	10,300
NorthShore	23,600	24,500	16,300	16,900
Shoreline	23,500	24,200	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	7,500	7,700	9,500	9,800
Soos Creek	32,100	33,400	30,400	31,300
Tahoma-Raven Hts.	11,600	12,100	8,300	8,600
Vashon	3,800	4,500	4,200	4,860
Unincorp. KC Total	184,100	192,100	126,000	131,000

Source: US Census 1990 and 2000 and King County Office of Management and Budget.